

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 1, 2006 MINUTES

On Monday, May 1, 2006, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:00 AM, with Commissioners Ted Coffman, David Schulz and Frank Nelson present.

David Schulz moved to approve the April 24, 2006, minutes as corrected. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those present at the meeting were Doris Fischer, Staci Beecher, Kevin Germain, Frank Ford, Brandy Hilton, Tim Kristovich, Ron Slade, Jessi Fanelli, Marilyn Ross, Walter Crawford, Jill Steeley, Karen Brown, Dave Schenk, Roger Thompson, Margie Edsall, Ralph Hamler, Bob Zenker, Jim Clavadetscher, Dr. Sarah Googe, Pete Brekhus, Dr. Jeff Bern, Dan Aune, Joan Hayes, and Loren Tucker.

Commissioner Candidates, Tim Kristovich, Marilyn Ross, and Walter Crawford, were present to observe the meeting.

Moonlight Basin Ranch – Overall Development Plan: Doris Fischer, Planner, Staci Beecher, Planner 1, Kevin Germain and Jessi Fanelli, Moonlight Basin Ranch, Ron Slade, Bectel-Slade Architects, Frank Ford, Emergency Management, and Brandy Hilton, Department of Revenue, met with the Board to discuss the Overall Development Plan Update for Moonlight Basin Ranch. Doris explained that the ODP Update encompasses 8000 acres. It acknowledges the already-approved subdivisions of Diamond Hitch, Saddle Ridge, and Cowboy Heaven Phases 1-3D (a total of approximately 391 units). The ODP Update envisions 152 new residential/commercial units in Phase 4 of Cowboy Heaven, 695 new residential/commercial units in association with expanded ski terrain and a new golf course, and 21 Reserve Ranch tracts of 160 acres or more. Moonlight buildout under the ODP Update would total approximately 1260 fee ownership units, possibly within a ten year period. Kevin displayed various maps showing wildlife habitats, waterways, vegetation, ridgeline analysis, and slope analysis. Frank Ford addressed the public safety side of the development plan, stating that Moonlight Basin Ranch has been very forthcoming and there are only a few small details left to resolve. David Schulz moved, per recommendation of the Planning Board, to approve the Moonlight Basin Ranch, Overall Development Plan with conditions as amended today. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Safety – Big Sky Area: Frank Ford, Director of Emergency Management, Jill Steeley, Public Health Administrator, Karen Brown, GIS/IT, Dave Schenk, Sheriff, Doris Fischer, Planner, and Roger Thompson, Undersheriff, met with the Board to discuss public safety concerns in the Big Sky area. Points of discussion included lack of deputy patrol at Yellowstone Club, the potential need for additional law enforcement officers, the possibility of an emergency services facility in Big Sky, including a joint dispatch center for emergency services that would dispatch both Madison and/or Gallatin County, and the funding options for these services.

County Evacuation Plan: Frank Ford, Director of Emergency Management, presented the Board with a County Evacuation Plan. This plan has been endorsed by the LEPC, Frank Ford and Roger Thompson. David Schulz moved to accept the Evacuation and Quarantine Annex to the Madison County Disaster and Emergency Plan, dated April 2006. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Upper Jefferson Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grant: Margie Edsall, Weed Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss the funding for weed control on the Upper Jefferson, covering an area approximately two miles wide and a little over nine miles long. David Schulz moved to accept the Noxious Weed Trust Fund Project Grant Agreement Upper Jefferson River Weed Management Area, Number MDA 2006-020, between the Montana Department of Agriculture and Madison County, for the purpose of controlling 780 acres of leafy spurge, Canada thistle, houndstongue, whitetop, and spotted knapweed with herbicides and biological control agents. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Virginia City Dumpster: Ralph Hamler, Sanitarian, met with the Board to discuss the status of the lease agreement for the dumpster site just out of Virginia City. Ralph will contact Bovey Restorations to negotiate a contract.

Emergency Mental Health Commitments: Bob Zenker, County Attorney, Pete Brekhus, Madison Valley Hospital Administrator, Dr. Jeff Bern, Madison Valley Hospital Chief of Staff, Dr. Sarah Googe, Ruby Valley Medical Doctor, Dan Aune, Director of Gallatin Mental Health Center, and Joan Hayes, Southwest Region Director of Western Montana Mental Health Center, met with the Board to discuss the need for mental health services in Madison County. Frank Nelson moved to contract with Western Montana Mental Health Center, at the rate of \$1.00 per County resident for basic mental health therapy and case management services, for a period of fourteen months,
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effective May 1, 2006; and to pay the usual and customary charges on a case by case basis for crisis services, with additional mileage if an emergency worker is required to travel to Madison County. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

RS 2477 Roads: The Board discussed claiming all roads, built with public funds before 1976, as RS 2477 roads.

Journal Vouchers: David Schulz moved to approve Journal Vouchers for the 4/06 accounting period. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Community Meetings: The Board discussed the possibility of a candidate forum being conducted in Pony.

Building Project: Judge Loren Tucker met with the Board to discuss the purchase or trade of property owned by the Tuckers as a possible site to build the proposed Madison County Law and Justice Center. The Tuckers are willing to work with the County.

Impact Fee Feasibility Study Funding: Frank Nelson moved to take the funding for an Impact Fee Feasibility Study out of the Commissioners' Contingency fund if the study is done in the current fiscal year or to add it to the next budget if it is not completed before the next fiscal year. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

TSEP Letter: Frank Nelson moved to send a letter of support for the Town of Twin Bridges' wastewater improvement project that the Town is pursuing grant funding for through applications to the TSEP and DNRC programs. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Beaverhead Detention Center Reimbursement Agreement: The Board reviewed comments by the County Attorney on the agreement from Beaverhead County for housing Madison County prisoners in the Beaverhead Detention Center. The Board will return the agreement to Sheriff Schenk to review these comments.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

C. Ted Coffman, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: May 8, 2006
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